

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 19 MARCH 1957

PRESENT: [REDACTED]

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1. Overtime

St/A has indicated that insofar as possible the rate of expenditure of overtime during the remainder of FY 57 must be held to the average rate of the past two or three months. Divisions that anticipate unavoidable increases are to inform St/A accordingly. Within the Geographic Area, D/GC is likely to require an increase; other divisions will be able to stay within their limits. Acting Chief/G requested that Division Chiefs insure that overtime does not become a habit; that it be reviewed periodically and steps taken to prevent its maturing into a programmed routine which may exceed actual needs.

2. AD to Far East

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The AD/RR, AD/CI, General Cabell, and [REDACTED] will depart in May for five weeks in the Far East.

3. NSCID

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At the request of [REDACTED] the Acting Chief/G and other personnel of the Geographic Area have reviewed the relationship of various NSCID's to the geographic intelligence and map procurement activities of the Area. It was concluded that D/GL functions are already covered by NSCID #7 and 16. There is no immediate plan to draft a directive to cover the functions of geographic intelligence (D/GG) in the intelligence community.


4. Coordination of Geographic Intelligence

The AD/RR has requested that there be a review of community coordination by CIA as it relates to geographic intelligence. It is anticipated that there may be queries on the subject as an outgrowth of the Killian Report, which encouraged CIA to step up its coordination activities, and pressures resulting from the current economy drive in government. The group discussed the matter at some length, concluding that the following represent Geographic Area participation in community coordination:

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- a. Evasion and Escape
- b. Unconventional Warfare
- c. Sub-committee on Ground Photography
- d. Antarctic
- [REDACTED]
- f. NIS -- Chapter IX, Cartographic, etc.

It was felt that numerous opportunities for coordination yet remain in photo intelligence, including establishment of a central recording and control point or a central photo center. The coordination of geographic intelligence, per se, was felt to be extremely difficult to achieve because of its intimate relationship to operations, which are 'need-to-know', and the problem of defining terms of reference; in addition, there appear to be no material handicaps resulting from the absence of formal coordination machinery at present. However, Acting Chief/G requested that continuing thought be given to opportunities for initiating or improving formal coordination of geographic intelligence.



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